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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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FOR FIEDLER/SOCKS FROM MILLER

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SUBJECT: RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

REF: A) KINSHASA 2335

B) STATE 51507

C) STATE 23578

D) LUBUMBASHI 047

E) LUSAKA 328

1. U.S. RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION TO LUBUMBASHI,
APRIL 16 - APRIL 19, 1975. TENTATIVE PROGRAM:

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1975

0845 MEETING: DIRECTEUR GENERAL SNCZ AND TRADE
MISSION DIRECTOR.

0900 GENERAL PRESENTATION:
DIRECTOR GENERAL, CIT. MUKENDI, CIT. BOMBUTSI,
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MSSRS. BAUDOUR, LABAISSE AND DEMBLON.

1100 MEETING: DIRECTOR GENERAL # FORD, BACON & DAVIS.

1230 LUNCH: PROVIDED BY AMERICAN CONSULATE

1430 MEETING WITH INDIVIDUAL SNCZ DIRECTORS TO
DISCUSS ORGANIZATION, VISITS TO FACILITIES,
AND SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS WITH TECHNICIANS:

1. CIT. BOMBUTSI, DIRECTOUR DES OPERATIONS
2. MR. DEMBLON, DIRECTEUR, TRACTION ET MATERIEL
3. MR. ALGRAIN, DIRECTOUR, TRAFFIC
4. MR. BADER, DIRECTEUR, VOIES ET TRAVAUX. LUBUMBASHI
5. MR. DENS, DIRECTEUR DE BUREAU DE RECHERCHE, LIKASI

1900 RECEPTION AT AMERICAN CONSUL'S RESIDENCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1975

0800 GROUP FOR LIKASI LEAVES:

MOTOROLA, GENERAL RAILWAY SIGNALS, ONON, &
FORD, BACON & DAVIS TO MEET WITH REGIONAL
MANAGER, CITOYEN SOMBWE, CITOYEN KONGOLO AND
MR. STEVENARD. TO RETURN IN AFTERNOON.

0800 TO 1200 VISITS BY OTHER MISSION MEMBERS TO SNCZ
INSTALLATIONS AND MEETINGS WITH INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS AND
TECHNICIANS ARRANGED THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1230 LUNCH PROVIDED BY SNCZ IN LUBUMBASHI AND LIKASI.

1430 TO 1800 VISITS AND MEETINGS BETWEEN SNCZ AND MISSION
MEMBERS CONTINUE. POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH GECAMINES, SMTF, AND
POTENTIAL AGENTS.

---- EVENING FREE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1975

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DEPART FOR LUSAKA - POSSIBLY BY RAILROAD

2. AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI HAD NOT RECEIVED REVISED
MISSION ITINERARY SENT STATE 51507. POST THEREFORE
HAD PROCEEDED PLAN PROGRAM ALONG TIMING TRANSMITTED
STATE 23478. EARLIER CABLE HAD TWO DAYS SCHEDULED
FOR LUBUMBASHI, TRAVEL TO NDOLA ON SATURDAY. THE
LUSAKA STAY BEGINNING ON SATURDAY NIGHT, AND LUSAKA
PROGRAM COMMENCING MONDAY (SEE LUBUMBASHI 47 AND
LUSAKA 328). AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH POST, MILLER
CONCURS WITH PROPOSED SCHEDULE LUBUMBASHI PROGRAM FOR
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, APRIL 17 AND 18 AND LUSAKA
PROGRAM FOR MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11,22,23.

3. CONSUL MARKS, ECON OFFICER ADAIR AND A.O. MILLER DISCUSSED WITH KDL COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR MUKENDI POSSIBILITY OF KDL AND ZAMBIAN RADILWAYS ARRANGING SPECIAL TRAIN TO CARRY MISSION MEMBERS AND VARIOUS KDL AND SNCZ OFFICIALS FROM LUBUMBASHI TO LUSAKA. THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY THIS CAN BE ARRANGED. ZAMBIAN RAILWAY OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVITED TO JOIN THE TRAIN AT EITHER SAKANIA OR NDOLA. TRAIN WOULD LEAVE LUBUMBASHI SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 19 AND ARRIVE LUSAKA SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 20 IN TIME FOR MISSION PROGRAM TO BEGIN ON MONDAY, APRIL 21. TRAIN TRIP WOULD ENABLE MISSION MEMBERS TO VIEW THE RAIL INTERCHANGE AT THE ZAIRE-ZAMBIA BORDER TO OBSERVE THE STATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/EQUIPMENT AT FIRST HAND AND TO TRAVEL ON MORE THAN HALF OF THE ACTUAL MILEAGE OF THE ZAMBIAN RAIL NETWORK. A.O. MILLER WILL ADVISE LUSAKA OF SCHEDULE ALTERATION AND OF TRAVEL DEVELOPMENTS. AMCONSULATE LUBUMBASHI WILL KEEP LUSAKA APPRISED OF DETAILS OF TRAIN'S ARRIVAL AND OF ZAMBIAN RAIL OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING.

4. SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY FOR FORD, BACON AND DAVIS: MISSION WILL BE ARRIVING IN LUBUMBASHI AT KEY TIME IN ZAIRE'S RAIL DEVELOPMENT. NEWLY CREATED NATIONAL RADILROAD COMPANY, SNCZ, HAS CLEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR CREATING/ORGANIZING UNIFIED ZAIRIAN RAIL NETWORK FROM SEVERAL DISPARATE COMPANIES AND FOR CENTRAL PLANNING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FUTURE EXPANSION OF ROUTES AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASE. ELONGO AND MUKENDI KEENLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING ALL ASPECTS OF ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF FORD, BACON AND DAVIS. ELONGO OPEN TO NEW VIEWS AND APPROACHES TO BE OFFERED BY US FIRMS. FORD, BACON AND DAVIS WILL HAVE SINGULAR OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR CAPABILITIES/SERVICES/PROPOSALS DIRECT TO TOP SNCZ OFFICIALS. FOR FORD, BACON AND DAVIS TO MAKE SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION, CANNOT STRESS STRONGLY ENOUGH THAT ITS MISSION MEMBER SPEAK FRENCH.

5. SNCZ REQUEST FOR PUBLISHED MATERIAL.

DURING CONSULATE'S DISCUSSIONS WITH NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SNCZ, CITOYEN ELONGO, CIT. ELONGO ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR MISSION DIRECTOR TO OBTAIN IN WASHINGTON AND BRING TO LUBUMBASHI INFORMATION/BROCHURES ON U.S. AMTRACK SYSTEM WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ITS ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RATE STRUCTURE. SINCE AMTRACK BASICALLY PASSENGER SERVICE AND ZAIRE PRINCIPALLY A FREIGHT SERVICE, COMMERCE SHOULD CONTRACT AMERICAN RAILWAY

ASSOCIATION AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OF THE MORE PROFITABLE U.S. RAIL LINES, E.G. SOUTHERN, SANTA FE, BURLINGTON OR AUTO TRAIN OR ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS. ICC ALSO SHOULD BE CONTACTED REGARDING THEIR ROLE IN SETTING RAIL FREIGHT RATE SCHEDULES. IF ANY OF THE ABOVE BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE IN FRENCH, ALL THE BETTER.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

A) PASSENGERS DEPARTING KINSHASA ARE SUBJECT TO AIRPORT TAX OF ONE ZAIRE (\$2.00). AT TIME OF FLIGHT BANKS AT AIRPORT ARE CLOSED. TO AVOID ENTERING LUBUMBASHI WITHOUT ZAIRES, MISSION MEMBERS SHOULD EXCHANGE SUFFICIENT FUNDS INTO ZAIRES IN KINSHASA PREVIOUS TO DEPARTING FOR LUBUMBASHI. EXCHANGE FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT EMBASSY OR UPON ARRIVAL SUNDAY AT AIRPORT BANKS (BANQUE COMMERCIAL ZAIREOISE OR BANQUE DE PEUPLE).
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B) CONSULATE'S ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE RUN BY BARCLAY'S BANK WILL ARRANGE FOR MISSION MEMBERS TO GO TO BANK AS GROUP TO EXCHANGE FUNDS IN LUBUMBASHI, THEREBY ASSURING THAT TRAVELER'S CURRENCY CONTROL FORMS ARE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED TO FACILITATE EXITING ZAIRE.

C) MISSION MEMBERS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT USE OF CAMERAS IN ZAIRE IS SEVERELY RESTRICTED.

D) CONSUL MARKS WILL HOST RECEPTION FOR MISSION MEMBERS ON EVENING THURSDAY APRIL 17.

E) BUILDING ON CONSULATE GROUNDS USED BY PREVIOUS MINING MISSION WILL BE SITE OF MISSION'S BIC AND WILL BE STAFFED WITH BILINGUAL SECRETARY.

F) CONSULATE STAFF WILL HANDLE INTERPRETATION FOR NON-FRENCH SPEAKING MISSION MEMBERS. TO PROVIDE FOR PROPER TRANSLATION OF TECHNICAL RAILROAD TERMS MISSION SHOULD BRING COPY OF "INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF RR TERMS" OR SIMILAR DOCUMENT. SUGGEST ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS AS POSSIBLE SOURCE IN D.C.

G) ROOMS RECONFIRMED AT PARK HOTEL FOR MISSION MEMBERS. SINGLES COST \$17.00. SUITE RESERVED FOR MISSION DIRECTOR, COST \$34.00.

H) SHOULD TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS NOT BE MADE, ONLY OTHER U.S.G. COSTS TO BE INCURRED AT LUBUMBASHI WILL BE \$350. TO TRANSPORT MISSION MEMBERS FROM LUBUMBASHI TO NDOLA. ONLY TRADE MISSION COST EXPECTED WILL

BE FOR REPRESENTATION FOR RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON
(MAXIMUM \$800).

7. PROGRAM CHANGES: GIVEN COMMUNICATIONS GAP
(AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE TELEX
FACILITIES) PROPOSED CHANGES IN PROGRAM SHOULD
BE SENT TO EMBASSY KINSHASA WITH REQUEST THAT
MESSAGE BE PASSED FASTEST WAY POSSIBLE.

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